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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: JAPANESE DRAFT NON-PROLIFERA-
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1. AMB. MARTIN (US DISARMAMENT DEL) CALLED ON AMB. NISIBORI (JAPAN) TO PRESENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL A, US REACTIONS TO JAPANESE UNGA RES ON NON-PROLIFERATION. AFTER OUTLINING PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES WE SEE IN RAISING NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES IN SECURITY COUNCIL (PARA FOUR, REFTEL A), MARTIN SUGGESTED THAT JAPANESE DEL SEEK REACTIONS OF ALL OTHER SC PERMANENT MEMBERS TO PROPOSAL. HE INDICATED THAT, IF OTHERS COULD NOT SUPPORT RES AND IT BECAME CLEARER THAT SC CONSIDERATION OF NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES WOULD INVOLVE RISKS OF CONTENTIOUS AND POTENTIALLY DAMAGING DEBATE, US WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY SUPPORTING RES.

2. NISIBORI STATED THAT JAPANESE MISSION HAD ALREADY APPROACHED ALL SC PERMANENT MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH NOT ALL OF THEM FORMALLY AND AT HIGH LEVEL. CHINESE, WHO WERE
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APPROACHED AT WORKING LEVEL, SAID THAT PEKING WAS "DEAD

AGAINST" INITIATIVE. NISIBORI DESCRIBED THEIR TONE AS "VEHEMENT" AND REPORTED THAT CHINESE MISOFF HAD ASKED JAPANESE MISOFF WHETHER JAPANESE GOV WAS REALLY GOING TO RUN RISK OF HURTING BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA BY PRESSING PROPOSAL. NISIBORI SAID THAT SOVIET MISOFF HAD EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH PROPOSAL BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON WHETHER USSR WOULD SUPPORT RES. NISIBORI SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS MIGHT BE HAPPY TO SIT BACK AND SEE JAPANESE INITIATIVE RUN UP AGAINST STRONG CHINESE OPPOSITION, WHICH COULD BE IRRITANT IN CHINESE-JAPANESE RELATIONS. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT UK REACTION HAD BEEN SIMILAR TO THAT OF US AND THAT FRANCE HAD NOT YET REPLIED.

3. MENTIONING THAT HE WAS BEING "PERHAPS TOO FRANK," NISIBORI INDICATED THAT, WHEN HE WAS INFORMED IN GENEVA OF TOKYO'S PLANS FOR INITIATIVE, HE HAD RECOMMENDED AGAINST ASKING SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE UP NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTIONS. HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT FONMIN KIMURA'S HIGHLIGHTING OF NON-PROLIFERATION IN UNGA SPEECH WAS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT THAT, AS FAR AS HE, NISIBORI, WAS CONCERNED, MATTER SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED FARTHER THAN THAT. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT JAPANESE GOV, AFTER HAVING RECEIVED INITIAL REACTIONS FROM SOME GOVS, WAS BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WITH EXISTING APPROACH. IN THIS REGARD, HE MENTIONED THAT TOKYO HAD JUST AUTHORIZED HIM TO DELETE REFERENCE TO KUMURA'S PROPOSAL RE SECURITY COUNCIL AND NON-PROLIFERATION FROM HIS FIRST COMMITTEE STATEMENT (SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY OCT 25). STATEMENT ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY TOKYO HAD QUOTED KUMURA'S STATEMENT IN FULL. AT NISIBORI'S SUGGESTION, THIS HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO QUOTATION OF "INNOCUOUS" PASSAGE FROM KUMURA SPEECH.

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